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## APPENDIX.

## I. AN ACT IN RELATION TO ELECTIONS.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. At the general election to be held in this State, according to existing laws, on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and at every election thereafter at which State officers are to be elected, or at which county officers, or town officers, or city officers, or Representatives in Congress, or Electors for President and Vice-President of the United States are to be voted for, and at every occasion when a proposed new constitution of the State, or a proposed amendment to the constitution or any other proposition or question whatsoever is submitted to the voters of the State according to law, every qualified voter, except as hereinafter provided, shall be and is hereby required to attend upon said election and to cast a ballot, or in default thereof to be subject to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. At the general State election to be held in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and at every election except school elections thereafter, no person shall be registered by the registering officers as a voter in any election district of this State, except his name be then registered as having voted at the election last prior thereto in such election district, or except that since said election he shall have become a qualified voter in said election district; provided, nevertheless, that any person who shall have been a qualified voter for more than one year prior thereto in said election district, and whose name shall not appear on the registry of qualified voters of the said election district for the said preceding year, shall be duly registered as a voter upon payment by him of the sum of five dollars to the inspector of election designated for that purpose, in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and provided further, that said fine or sum shall not be paid in any of the cases specified in Sec. 3 of this Act; and provided further, that no person shall be subjected to the payment of said fine or sum who shall have voted in any election district in the State at the election next prior to the election at which he shall offer his vote.

SEC. 3. No person whose name is not on the registry or list of persons voting at the election last before held, and who shall not have

voted at said election, shall be allowed to cast a vote without the payment of the said fine or sum provided for in Sec. 2 of this Act for each election, except school elections, after and including the general State election of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, at which the said voter shall have neglected to attend and cast a ballot, except if said person shall have a good and valid excuse for omitting to cast his vote as aforesaid, as provided in this Act. Such excuses in the following cases may be made orally by the voter to the inspectors of election on the day of election, that is to say :

First. In case the person intending to vote was disqualified by law at the preceding election and when he then omitted to vote.

Second. In case the said person being a public officer or employé was, during the whole of the said preceding election day, absent from his place of residence on official business or business of a public nature in connection with his office.

Third. In case the said person was at the preceding election actually present within one hundred and fifty feet from the polling-place, but prevented by accident or by violence or by intimidation from actually casting a ballot. But in the following cases the excuses shall be in writing and by the affidavit of the person offering to vote, namely :

First. In the case of illness of the voter or of a member of his immediate family residing with him, the nature and duration of the illness must be specified in the affidavit to be submitted to and filed with the inspectors of election, which said affidavit shall further state the name or names of the physicians, if any, who can of their personal knowledge verify the statements contained in the affidavit, and if there be no physician who can so verify the said statements there shall be filed with the affidavit of the voter the affidavit of one or more persons corroborating the statements made by such voter.

Second. In the case of absence from the county on the part of such voter for a period of at least two days, including all the day of the said preceding election, in which case the cause of said absence shall be explicitly set forth in an affidavit of the said voter to be likewise filed with the said inspectors. No other excuses than those herein specified shall be received by the said inspectors.

SEC. 4. All excuses made to or received by the said inspectors of election orally, shall be recorded in a book to be kept by the said inspectors for that purpose, and all affidavits submitted as hereinbefore provided, shall be filed with the said inspectors on any day upon which voters may be registered according to law ; and wherever no registration shall be required by law, such papers as aforesaid shall be filed with the town clerk of the town within which said voter shall reside not more than thirty nor less than ten days before said

election. Such record and affidavits, together with all the papers offered to and received by the said inspectors of election or the said town clerk with reference to the said excuses shall be transmitted by the said inspectors or town clerk with their final official returns respecting said election, and filed therewith at the times and in the places provided by law for that purpose, and the originals of such letters and affidavits so received shall be filed with the clerk of the county in which the said inspectors or town clerks shall be acting.

SEC. 5. Any person otherwise entitled to be registered as a qualified voter at a general State election who shall have omitted for five successive State elections to appear at the polls and offer his vote, and who shall not have had a lawful excuse therefor, as provided in this Act, shall thereafter present his excuses for such neglect or omission by petition to the Supreme Court at any special term thereof held in the county where such person shall reside, or to the county court of said county at any special term thereof, not less than sixty days before the next ensuing State election, and the said court shall thereupon proceed to hear said petition and the proofs in support thereof, and if upon said hearing the said court shall find that the petitioner is a qualified voter according to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, the decision of the said court shall be certified to that effect, and upon the said certificate and after paying all arrearages of fines as aforesaid, as well as a further sum not exceeding ten dollars, which the court may impose as costs of the proceeding, and which shall be paid with the fines to the inspectors of election at the next ensuing election day, the said voter shall be entitled to have his vote received by the said inspectors of election. Notice that a petition, as hereinbefore provided, will be presented to the court shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such voter shall reside, not less than ninety days previous to the ensuing election, and the said county clerk shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each notice so filed. No petition shall be entertained by the court without proof of the filing of such notice.

SEC. 6. Any person making any false statement or offering any affidavit, certificate, or other writing containing any false or fraudulent statement with intent to avoid the penalty provided in this Act, or with intent to procure himself or any other person to be registered as a qualified voter, or to have his vote or the vote of any other person received by the inspectors of election, or who shall unite with others to prevent any person lawfully entitled thereto from being registered or from voting, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or by a fine not exceeding \$250, or both such fine and imprisonment, and any officers charged with the registration of voters, or with the receipt of

ballots or with the certifications of elections, or the canvassing of votes, who shall neglect to comply with or who shall in anywise violate the provisions of this Act, shall likewise be subject to the same fine or imprisonment, or both.

SEC. 7. All money to be collected by or to be paid to any inspector of election under this Act shall be collected by and paid to the inspector, who shall at least ten days before the said election have been designated in writing for that purpose by the supervisor of the town, or in the absence of a supervisor then by the mayor of any city in which such election shall be held; and in default of such designation in writing, to be kept, and if required to be exhibited, by the said inspector, then the inspector present who may be the senior in years of age shall act as such collector and shall receive the sums of money payable to inspectors of election under this Act. From all moneys so received there shall be deducted and retained by the said inspector receiving the same, five per cent. thereof for his compensation, and the balance of said moneys, together with a detailed account thereof, shall be transmitted in duplicate to the supervisor of the town, who shall thereupon transmit one of said statements, together with the said moneys so received, to the treasurer of the county, or in the city of New York the said inspector shall transmit the said statement and the said money to the comptroller of the city and county of New York. The said county treasurer or the said comptroller shall pay all of said moneys to the Comptroller of the State of New York on account of the school fund of the State. All moneys received or collected under this Act shall be public moneys, and said moneys, as well as all persons receiving the same, shall be subject to all provisions of law applicable to moneys belonging to the State of New York.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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## II. AN ACT TO MAKE VOTING COMPULSORY.

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SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, that it shall be compulsory upon every qualified voter of the State of Maryland to cast a ballot at each and every general election hereafter held in Baltimore or any of the several counties of this State, according to law.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the judges of election, at each and every general election hereafter held in this State, according to law, at the closing of the polls of said election, to